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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM FOR IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty-two (22) pages
- Six (6) sheet(s) formal drawings
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No. 2002-379060 filed in JAPAN on December 27, 2002.
 - Certified copy is attached hereto.
 - Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- Executed Declaration (Original Photocopy)
- An assignment of the invention

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

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